

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/688,300

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed December 16, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-27.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 16 July 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

In response to Amendment filed December 16, 2004

Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
 - a. Claims 1 – 11 are allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a sensor positioning system for holding sensor units in fixed relative locations in a detachable manner comprising the plurality of sensor units and the plurality of sensor leads being retained by the template in a detachable manner such that the plurality of sensor units and the plurality of sensor leads are fully detachable from the template permitting separation of the template from the plurality of sensor units and the plurality of sensor leads in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.
 - b. Claims 12 - 19 are allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a method of positioning sensor units on a substrate surface at predetermined locations comprising the step of subsequently removing the template from the substrate, leaving the sensor unit attached to the substrate surface at the predetermined location in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

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c. Claims 20 - 23 are allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a sensor positioning system for aligning sensor units to predetermined locations on a surface of a transparent substrate comprising a plurality of sensor units and a plurality of sensor leads, an individual sensor lead attached to a sensor unit at one end and attached to a connector at the other end, the sensor assembly and the template being physically separate in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

d. Claims 24 - 27 are allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a method of positioning sensor units on a surface of a planar transparent substrate at predetermined locations comprising the step of placing a template that has alignment marks against a first surface of the substrate such that the alignment marks are visible through the substrate and attaching the sensor unit to a second surface of the substrate at the predetermined in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

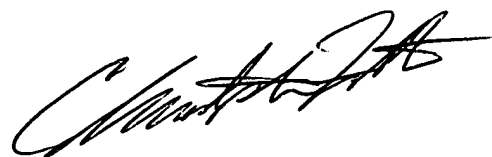
2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yaritza Guadalupe whose telephone number is (571)272 -2244.

The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego F.F. Gutierrez can be reached on (571) 272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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